

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 640
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A RESOLUTION to honor and memorialize police officers from the Hendersonville Police Department and all police officers from the State of Tennessee who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws, and the enforcement of these laws has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals, known as law enforcement officers, daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly protect and serve; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the prevention of crime and disorder, the Hendersonville Police Department is committed to the protection of life and property within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, constantly in harms way, the police officers of the Hendersonville Police Department bravely put their lives on the line to protect the safety of the general public; and

WHEREAS, dutifully serving their community, four police officers have died while protecting the citizens of Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, while in pursuit of a suspect, Reserve Officer James Gammons died on July 13, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Richard Bandy was killed on January 19, 1980, Sergeant Jody Sadek was killed on September 20, 1988, and Officer Danny MacClary was killed on September 27, 2000; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should pause to recognize the exceptional effort and dedication shown each day by the law enforcement officers and employees of the Hendersonville Police Department in carrying out their duties; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should join all Tennesseans in remembering the bountiful life of these courageous officers and public servants and exceptional human beings, who gave their lives in the cause of public safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and memorialize Sergeant Richard Bandy, Sergeant Jody Sadek, Officer Danny MacClary, and Reserve Officer James Gammons for their bravery and sacrifice in the line of duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor and memorialize all the police officers of Tennessee who have paid the ultimate price for our safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.